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Heroism Means Toil and Pain, Says Teacher

(This is the fourth, and last, in a series of "personal philosophy" articles by teachers. Miss Haigney is a member of the English Department.)

By Margaret Haigney

On these warm afternoons an air of somnolence can be expected to settle over a classroom. Any teacher knows the symptoms. One head droops and then another. Glazed eye and recumbent posture warn as unmistakably as any sign: Do not disturb. John or Helen or Tom or Mary has gone beyond the reach of parteciple and irregular verb.



Miss Haigney

Dreams of Heroic Deeds

At such times, if I am not mistaken, dreams of heroic deeds loom large in youthful fancy: the spectacular catch in the ninth inning or the daring rescue despite smoke and flame. John himself (or Tom or Bill) is, of course, the central figure in the action—the winner of the game, the rescuer of the child . . . the hero.

To be a hero is an old, recurrent dream, especially when one is young and impatient of monotony. Yesterday a boy might have craved the glory of a Lindbergh. Today, no doubt, he sees himself an astronaut, uniquely adventurous, probing the mysteries of the universe. How sweet it would be in that guise, he thinks, to exchange censure for applause, to replace the humdrum with the spectacular. How delightful to be a hero!

No Prize Without Pain

Now, I know that sober realists among my readers have already brushed aside the gossamer curtain of these fantasies and noted how the day-dreams of a summer afternoon conjure only the end-result of heroism, not its essence. There is the applause, but not the pain; there is the ultimate success, but not the antecedent failure; there is the crowning reward, but not the preparatory self-discipline. In dreams, glory has no purchase

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Seniors Have Gay Time at Prom

The Class of 1961 held its Senior Prom in the Terrace Ballroom of the Hotel Statler a week ago last Monday.

Miss Rita Duhig, in charge of senior activities, said that there were several innovations this year. One of the most important was a formal receiving line of faculty members to greet the seniors and their guests.

In a class election, several seniors were chosen as "Celebrities," and only those students participated in a "Senior Celebrity Dance." Still another "first" was having a group of juniors distribute the favors and assist at the door.

Marylin Ryan, 4A9, was honored by being chosen Prom Queen.

Music for the evening was provided by Hal Etkins.

Salutatorian



Mildred Thomas

Bill Butot

Salutatorian To Be a Nurse

By Sarah Jordan

This year's salutatorian is an avid sports enthusiast, has traveled around the world, has gone tiger hunting, and is very active in school clubs and organizations. Her name is Mildred Thomas.

Mildred was born in Ootcamund, India, where her parents were medical missionaries. She lived in that country for nine years and attended a boarding school in the middle of a jungle.

She and her older friends often hunted tigers, deer, wild pigs and rabbits. "I enjoyed living in India," she said, "because I met many interesting people and learned a great deal about Indian life, which is very different from ours."

Around the World

Mildred has traveled around the world; she saw the Egyptian pyramids and also visited Athens. She traveled through much of the United States and has lived in Hawaii, Oregon, California, Illinois, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Minnesota and New York.

Since she came to New York, Mildred has become excited about basketball and baseball, particularly Mickey Mantle. She is a member of Arista and is copy editor of the *Anchor*; also a member of the Trinity Club, the library squad, the grade adviser's squad, the mixed chorus, and the basketball club. She plays the piano and sings at her church.

Has High Average

Despite these many activities, (Continued on Page 3, Col. 2)

Student Body Elects Officers

After weeks of strenuous campaigning, officers of the General Organization were elected by the G.O. student body for the year September 1961-June 1962.

The winning candidates are: Louis Di Mauro, 3A1, president; Judy Soloman, 3B2, vice president; Kathy Gilje, 3A9, secretary; Mike Kerrigone, 3B8, treasurer.

Juniors Select Slate for 1961-62

A complete slate of senior class officers was elected early last month.

They are: Harvey Karlsen, 3B14, president; Ronald Cassaro, 3A5, vice-president; Loraine Genovese, 3B4, and Nancy Marshall, 3B16, secretaries; Margaret Burfiend, 3B12, Karen Cabak, 3B14, Michael Guarino, 3A13, Merry Lighthill, 3B14, and Barbara Sindberg, 3B10, treasurers.

The president presides at the Senior Council and senior assemblies and directs the senior class in its many activities. The vice-president gives frequent assistance in class affairs.

The secretaries assist with clerical work in room 112 during their free periods. Mr. Alexander Selwyn, G.O. treasurer, and the senior class treasurers will handle all senior dues, which will amount to over \$9,000.

The officers were presented by Miss Rita Duhig, senior class adviser, to the administration and faculty at a party May 17.

Emily Paradise Wins in Contest

Senior Emily Paradise, 4B12, was honored in a French contest sponsored by *Société des Professeurs Français en Amérique* (Society of French Teachers in America) on May 13.

Competing with 61 honor students in a city-wide competition, Emily was presented with a medal and a bottle of Chanel No. 5 by La Maison Chanel for her excellence in French. The contest, held at the Lycée Français (French High School), offered a top cash prize of \$100.

Emily, of French 4A6, ranks fourth in her graduating class. She was entered in a written qualifying examination in March along with two other seniors, and was the only Hamiltonite to qualify. The examination, held at Columbia University, consisted of written composition work and translation.

Her French teacher, Mrs. Jeanette Hart, was delighted. "It was wonderful to hear about Emily's achievement. She certainly merits this recognition for her superior ability in French."

Valedictorian



Margaret Ekstrom

Bill Butot

Valedictorian Soars to 96.73%

By Jane Appel

Friendly, talented, and bright are words that describe Margaret Ekstrom, this year's valedictorian.

Margaret has strived for this top scholastic position for three long years and has finally reached her goal, with an average of 96.73%, first in the Senior Class. Thus she will have the honor of presenting the closing address at this year's graduation.

Wins 3 Scholarships

In addition, this senior is the winner of three scholarships—the Regents State Scholarship, a New York University Scholarship, and a Long Island University Scholarship.

Although an extremely gifted girl, Margaret is very modest. Asked if she had really expected to be valedictorian, she replied, "Well, I worked hard, but I didn't expect it. And all of a sudden . . . Wow!"

Has Varied Interests

Margaret has varied interests, and heading the list is reading and writing. As co-editor-in-chief of the *Anchor*, school literary magazine, she has learned much about the editorial side of a publication. "It was a wonderful experience and a lot of fun!" she exclaimed.

Prefers Sea Stories

Her favorite author is Joseph Conrad. She enjoys sea stories especially and has read and reread such books as Nordhoff and Hall's trilogy, which comprises *Mutiny on the Bounty*, *Men Against the Sea* and *Pitcairn's Island*. Not only does she like to read about

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Graduation At B'klyn College Thurs., June 29

Commencement exercises will begin at 2:30 Thursday afternoon, June 29. Approximately 740 seniors will be together for the last time before they are dispersed by the calls of college, business, military service, or domestic duties.

As happened last year, the exercises will be held in one ceremony in air-conditioned Walt Whitman Hall, Brooklyn College. The auditorium seats 2500 people.

The seniors—boys in blue robes, girls in white—will have been seated by the time the parents and guests arrive.

Margaret Ekstrom Valedictorian

The valedictory will be presented by Margaret Ekstrom, 4A15, while the salutatory will be delivered by Mildred Thomas, 4A7. These honors go to the two students who have attained the highest averages in their class.

Principal Jon B. Leder will address the graduates. On stage will be Mr. James L. Quigley and Mr. Morton G. Stone, administrative assistants; Mrs. Jean Frankle and Mr. Ralph Davino, senior grade advisers; Mrs. Mary Catania, college coordinator; Miss Rita Duhig, senior social adviser; and Mr. Henry Stein, president of the Parent Teacher Association.

To Accept Token Diploma

Also on stage will be students scheduled to receive awards, and a representative from each senior class to accept a token diploma.

A musical program will be offered by the orchestra and the mixed chorus. The first, under the direction of Mr. Gerald Heffron, will play incidental selections before the exercises begin.

The mixed chorus, under the direction of Mr. Herbert Lessell, chairman of the Music Department, will render several selections. Mr. Lessell will also conduct a vocal octet.

Faculty Gives Assistance

Various members of the faculty have given generously of their time and effort in order to insure the smooth proceeding of the commencement exercises — doubtless the most momentous occasion in the life of the high school student.

Mr. Stone has made all commencement arrangements, assisted by the following: Mr. Gordon Lebowitz and Miss Margaret Monsen, chairmen of

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2 Seniors Win In Essay Contest

Margaret Ekstrom, 4A15, and Emily Paradise, 4B12, captured two of four prizes awarded to public high school seniors in the 1961 Chamber of Commerce Essay Competition.

Margaret walked off with the second prize of \$25, and Emily the fourth prize of \$10.

Both girls, students in Mr. Ralph Davino's honor English class, 4H5, entered essays on the topic "The United States and the New Nations of the World."

A reading committee, supervised by the English Department chairman, Mr. Jerome Carlin, selected the four most promising compositions in each grade. The entries were judged by a committee under the supervision of Dr. John J. Theobald, Superintendent of Schools.

Regents Examination Schedule

TIME	Monday June 19	Tuesday June 20	Wednesday June 21	Thursday June 22
8:45 to 12:15	English 4 Years 9th yr. Math (Algebra)	American History and World Back- grounds III	Biology Chemistry Comb. Short., Type., and Trans.	Bookkeeping 2
12:45 to 4:15	Int. Algebra 10 yr. Math 11 yr. Math Merchandise and Sales—2 years	Latin 2 years French 2 years Spanish 2 years German 2 years Mech. Draw. 1 Mech. Draw. 2	Physics	Latin 3 years French 3 years Spanish 3 years German 3 years

The Editors Say...

The Sad Hours

As this is the final issue of the *Pilot* for the term, it is appropriate to wish everyone a happy summer vacation. We've been having a little trouble, though, thinking of something cheerful to say with Regents examinations rearing their ugly heads.

For many years it has been our policy to lighten the situation with a few joyful words. At this moment, alas, our inspiration fails us.

Still, we have decided that it might be wiser for everyone to suffer a little longer, study hard, and pass the Regents exams with at least a 75%. Having a "ball" now isn't really worth a "summer-school vacation."

The motto, "Study now, enjoy later," is appropriate at this point. We don't wish to seem preachy, but an ounce of prevention, etc.

If someone has to fail, why not let it be the other fellow?

Day of Days

Two weeks from next Thursday, approximately 740 students, clad in cap and gown, will march solemnly to their commencement exercises in the Walt Whitman Auditorium of Brooklyn College.

During the impressive ceremony, each graduate will experience mixed emotions as his thoughts wander from the past to the future.

The years at Hamilton will provide a treasury of fond recollection of teachers, friends, studies and diverse activities. Carefree and gay as those years were, they did help the students—in no small measure—prepare for their future.

For some this future means a business career; for others, the Armed Forces; and for still others, a continuation of their academic studies.

But for every graduate, commencement means the beginning—the beginning of a new and exciting phase of life.

Thomas Carlyle once said: "All work is as seed sown; it grows and spreads, and sows itself anew." What better words to keep in mind June 29th?

A Word of Thanks

A unique experiment has been concluded in this issue of the *Pilot* with the appearance of the last of a series of four guest articles by members of the faculty.

The "personal philosophy" contributions by Miss Margaret Haigney, Mr. Benjamin Greenberg, Mr. Louis Golomb and Mr. Henry Kamin have proved a most worthwhile addition to the paper. Judging from the many favorable comments received, it is evident that these articles have aroused marked interest among many students and members of the faculty.

The editors wish to thank these teachers for the valuable time and painstaking effort expended in the preparation of this series.

The faculty has once again demonstrated its devoted and wholehearted interest in the students and the school.

It's a Fact

—By Seth Charney

Bay Ridge has two newspapers, both weeklies. They are *The Bay Ridge Home Reporter* and *The Bay Ridge Spectator*.

This columnist stands corrected on his May 11th column. In it he stated that there are three Brooklyn in the United States. Actually there are fourteen!

One average issue of the *Pilot* (3500 copies) costs about \$340.

Brooklyn, "The City of Churches," has 1,460 houses of worship.

Brooklyn has nine institutions of higher learning: Brooklyn College, St. Francis College, Long Island University, State University, Downstate Medical Center, Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute, Pratt Institute, St. John's University, St. Joseph's College for Women, and Packer Collegiate Institute.

The Brooklyn Public Library has 2,000,000 volumes, 34,000 records, and nearly 800,000 card-holders. There are 48 branch libraries, the Ingersoll Main Library (Grand Army Plaza), and two bookmobiles.

Senior Social Adviser 'Can't Get Enough School'

By Lucille Clementi

Every senior, of course, knows Miss Rita Duhig; and every lower termmer who will some day be a senior will eventually make the pleasurable acquaintance of this active, affable, well liked adviser.

Miss Duhig has been a member of the faculty since 1953. She just can't get enough of school and has taken numerous courses, including one on the countries of Southeast Asia.

Her history class, 2H3, has made plans to welcome students from India,

Uganda, the

Philippines, Indo-

nesia, and Latin

America to come

to our school and

discuss their lives

and customs with

the club members.

Visitors and

Hamiltonites will

thus be able to

exchange ideas

and gain an in-

sight into the problems and cultures

of other peoples.

Busy Social Adviser

Miss Duhig, as senior social adviser, has been in charge of the fall dance, the successful senior prom held a week ago last Monday, and a group trip to Washington, D.C., to visit the Capitol and other places of interest.

She is an avid traveler, has lived in Hawaii and Germany, and has toured Europe, stopping to take a course in Irish history at the University of Dublin. She has also visited, Canada, the Caribbean, and the West Coast.

Helped Red Cross

Outside of school, Miss Duhig served as a worker with the Red Cross Recreational Department overseas. She enjoys dancing, golf, swimming, and the theater. Her only complaint is against the 24-hour day, for she could do much more if she had more time.

Miss Duhig is looking forward to the year when "no one will walk into my class and ask what will happen if he fails the history Regents." She hates a defeatist attitude!

Quotes

If I have not read a book before, it is, to all intents and purposes, new to me, whether it was printed yesterday or three hundred years ago.

—William Hazlitt

He that maketh haste to be rich shall not be innocent.

—Proverbs, XXVIII, 1

Whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

—Philippians, IV, 8

Ah, but a man's reach should exceed his grasp,
Or what's a heaven for?

—Robert Browning



Miss Duhig

Round About

By Jane Appel

QUESTION: What three important qualities do you think a teacher should possess?

Ellen Wynn, 2A17:

A teacher must have a thorough knowledge of his subject. He must be versed in methodology so as to be able to teach his subject matter effectively. Furthermore, he must make the students aware of what is expected of them and be completely impartial in his attitude towards them.

Susan Hirsch, 3A13:

He must like and understand children. A teacher must love his subject and know it thoroughly.

Ruth Solomonoff, 3B145:

He must be patient and understanding and be able to pass his knowledge on to his pupils.

Evelyn Junge, 3A13:

A teacher must be kind, have a deep interest in his students, and be able to put his subject matter across so that his students will learn what he has set out to teach.

Janet Yellen, 2C20:

A teacher must like people, particularly young people. He must not only know his own subject, but also have a broad general knowledge of other subject areas. He must be able to establish a sympathetic relationship with his pupils.

Joan Silverstein, 4A5:

A teacher must understand the age group he teaches. He must know his subject matter thoroughly. Every good teacher must be emotionally stable and mature.

Mike Kerrigone, 3B8:

A teacher should be even tempered and well-educated in all subjects as well as expert in one particular area. He should be able to establish a good rapport between the students and himself.

Bill Huntington, 4B4:

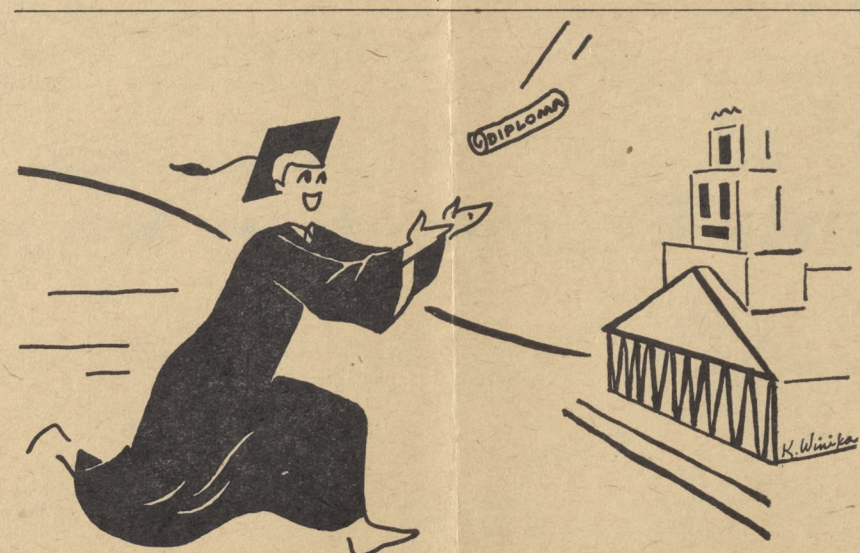
It is important that a teacher have a sense of humor, an understanding nature, and a good knowledge of his subject.

Audrey Hadded, 3A9:

A teacher must enjoy children and know his subject matter thoroughly. But most of all, he must be able to impart that knowledge to his students.

Ann Marie Abrahamsen, 3A1:

A teacher should have the respect of his pupils. I also think that he should be fair and have a sense of humor.



"I GOT IT, I GOT IT, I FINALLY GOT IT!"

Overbored

By Glenn Collins

Since this is the last *Overbored*, we thought it would be a good idea to present some of the many letters received throughout the year. Here is a choice selection: Dear Glenn,

My father is now assigned to the Fort Hamilton Army Base. I have been in over 31 high schools throughout the world, and I'd just like to say that I've never read a better column than yours. It is witty, very intelligent, clever, funny, and humorous. And I think your picture is just beautiful, and you are handsome and charming too.

Your cousin,
Tom Collins

Dear Mr. Collins,

May this notice serve to inform you that you are hereby being sued jointly by the following:

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Your satires upon them have caused them undue worry and great embarrassment. We have kindly arranged your hearing for June 30, 1961, so that you will not have to miss your Regents exams.

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My Dear Mr. Collins,

We are happy to inform you that you are a recipient of the coveted Nobel Prize. You have won it for writing the best humor in the year 1960-1961.

We shall arrange a time for you to attend the award ceremony, where you will be presented your Nobel Prize of 50¢.

Sincerely,

Irving J. Nobel

(Founder, Stumbleton New Jersey Nobel Prize)

Dear Doctor,

I was wondering, if you could help me. On sunny days at 10:30 in the morning I get a great itching under my fingernails. I have tried hot baths, lotions, and massage, but nothing seems to work. Can you help me?

Sincerely,

ITCHY FINGERNAILS

Dear ITCHY: Unfortunately, I think you have written to the wrong column—a medical advice column is what you're looking for.

However, the ancient Romans had a cure for itchy fingernails: they ran their fingers through gold coins. If this should fail, we advise you to visit the Emergency Room immediately.

Dere Glenn,

I got a goud idea for your colmun. Why do'nt you writ a funy atricle on peple who ca'nt speel good and use goud gramer?

"I think it wood be a funy" idea, and, wold, make peopel lagh.

truly Yours,
ANOMYNUS

Dere ANOMYNUS: I think it's a great idea. Write to my successor about it. Good luck!

SUSAN HIRSCH TAKES OVER

Beginning with the fall term, Susan Hirsch, 3A13, will take over the space filled by graduating editor Glenn Collins.

Susan will also perform the combined duties of news editor and advertising manager.



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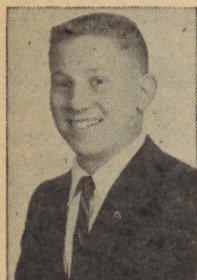


By Richard Meltzer

(This issue of the Sports Deck is devoted to an interview of the graduating sports editor by Lloyd Sara, who will take over his duties with the opening of the fall term.)

The New York Times has its Arthur Daley, the Daily News has its Jimmy Powers, and the Fort Hamilton Pilot has its Richard Meltzer.

As sports editor of the paper, his interesting column, which has appeared in this space for the past year, has given Hamiltonites an inside view of the many sports activities at their school.



Meltzer

ffered by our school.

A Versatile Senior

This versatile senior, whose favorite subjects include chemistry and physics, has many interests outside of the Fort. His hobbies include golf, baseball and swimming, in addition to an appreciation of semi-classical music, show scores, and popular selections.

Richard's reaction to his four years spent at Fort Hamilton were summed up in one word: "Great!"

Grateful to Teachers

When asked to elaborate, Richard added, "Although it may sound trite, I am really grateful for the help my teachers gave me. My outside activities relieved the drudgery of study. And, of course, as sports editor, I really enjoyed those free passes to all our basketball games!"

The winner of a State Regents Scholarship, Richard will attend Cornell University in the fall. He hopes to become a doctor.

It is customary for the incoming sports editor to interview the outgoing one, and it was quite a job to catch the aspiring physician in a free moment.

"My medical training will take ten years," he said. "I hope I can last that long!"

With all of Rich's energy, he's a cinch to make it!

Mayor's Award Goes to 8 Seniors

Eight seniors were awarded citations from the Mayor's Committee on Scholastic Achievement at a ceremony held at City Hall Plaza on May 16.

One out of every hundred seniors are permitted to receive a citation. This means that the eight top ranking graduating students in Fort Hamilton's senior class of over 700 were honored.

The following received citations for outstanding scholarship: Susan Blader, 4A15; Rosalie Corlito, 4B14; Margaret V. Ekstrom, 4A15; Stephen Kaufman, 4B10; George Lewis, 4A9; Emily J. Paradise, 4B12; Edith M. Tadross, 4A1; and Mildred L. Thomas, 4A7.

Mrs. Jean Frankle and Mr. Ralph Davino, senior grade advisers, said, "We were very happy to hear this news. Congratulations to these outstanding seniors—they deserve a fanfare of trumpets!"

A member of Arista, vice-president of the Senior Class, and former varsity third baseman, Richard combines outstanding scholastic ability with enthusiastic participation in the many extracurricular activities offered by our school.

Beacons Celebrate With Play Day

The Beacons invited girls from Bay Ridge, New Utrecht, Lincoln, Lafayette, Sheepshead, and Madison to attend a Play Day Monday, May 15. The theme for the occasion was Disneyland.

The Leaders were divided into teams, but not according to their school. Each team represented a character, such as Dumbo, Chipmunk, Mickey Mouse, and Donald Duck; and each girl wore an emblem indicating which team she was on. The teams played line soccer, blind volleyball, cage ball, and other games.

The games began outdoors, but high winds drove the players indoors and the games were continued in the girls gym. The contests were very competitive, each team trying its utmost to defeat the others. The winners were awarded medals.

After the games, the entire group proceeded to the cafeteria where refreshments were served. Mrs. Josephine Sullivan, faculty adviser, supervised.

Salutatorian

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Mildred finds time to study and maintain her 95.35 average. She is the recipient of a Regents College Scholarship, a Regents Nursing Scholarship, and the Mayor's Committee on Scholastic Achievement Award.

She plans to attend the pre-nursing course at Houghton College after a summer's work at the Lutheran Medical center. Subsequently she will attend the Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center for the three-year nursing course.

Valedictorian

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water, she likes to be in it: her principal sport is swimming.

Margaret is planning to study English and Latin—her favorite subjects—at New York University in the fall.

She hopes to become an English or a foreign language teacher on the high school level.

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Division Victors



Ronald Abis

Top: Cliff Grayer, Gordon Harvey, Karl Behnken, Jim Columbo, Denis Murphy. Middle: Don Durbin, George Preti, Phil Harris, Robert Main, Frank DeLuca, Richard Jensen. Bottom: Coach Francis Ptak, Ray Ranta, Nick Mitsos, Bob Sparks, Richard Prigge, George Limer, Bob Esposito.

Spring Sports Season Best in School History

By Steve Kaufman

Hamiltonites are now viewing the close of the greatest spring sports season in the history of this school. "Without a doubt," remarked Mr. Gordon Lebowitz, chairman of the Boys Health Education Department, "this was the finest ever!"

During the past two months the Blue and White has consistently triumphed in all major areas. The baseball and golf teams both won division championships. The handball team was victorious in six of eight matches, and the trackmen won team honors as well as several individual ones.

Nine Takes Division Title

The baseball team copped its division title for the first time in Hamilton history, winning nine of ten official contests. The reason for this success? Denis Murphy. Denis finished the regular season with an amazing record of seven wins, no losses. Of these seven victories, the southpaw chalked up two one-hitters and one no-hitter, his last being a sparkling shutout over Grady to clinch the title for the Blue and White.

Wielding big bats for the Cinderellas (as the boys were dubbed by the Journal American) were Gordon Harvey and Karl Behnken, who both hit for 300-plus averages. Infielders Norman Remmen and Richard Prigge aided the cause with fine defensive play, along with Nick Mitsos, Raymond Ranta and Don Durbin, who patrolled the outfield.

Next stop for Coach Ptak's men is the Brooklyn semi-final playoff for the city championship. "This is the finest all-round team I've ever worked with," said the coach. "I think we have a good shot at the city title."

Golfers Boro Champs

Golf victories are a tradition at Fort Hamilton, and this season was no exception. The linksmen won their eighth borough championship to give Mr. Kenneth Kern a happy year as a rookie golf coach. The team, which went undefeated in ten matches, will

now face the winner of the Queens division in the city playoffs.

The handball team this season proved that handball can also be a Hamilton strong point. The boys broke the jinx and went on to win six matches in eight, dropping two to the powerful Midwood squad. Charles Sahadi sparked the team with a perfect record, going undefeated in eight singles matches.

Coach Richard Cohen had only one thing to say: "It's the best team in twenty years!"

Cindermen Have Fine Season

The track team, coached by Mr. Joseph Kottmann, had a fine outdoor season this year. In the April Iona Relays the team of Ross Freitas, Richard Gordon, Joseph Juliano, and Steve Shama placed first, winning a trophy and gold medals.

At this meet, Ken Borg took first in the high jump, setting a school record as well as a meet record of 6 feet, 3 inches. John Moore placed third in the pole vault with a jump of 11 feet.

In two April events in the Penn Relays, Ken Borg and John Moore were among the thirty boys invited from the entire East Coast. Moore tied third in the vault, clearing 12 feet, and Borg took second in the high jump with a mark of 6 feet 2 inches.

Baseball Team Boro Champs; Take 9 of 10

By Richard Meltzer

For many years the traditional saying around Brooklyn was, "Wait till next year." This expression applied not only to the Brooklyn Dodgers, but also to our own baseball team. This year is "next year" for the Hamilton nine.

Coached by Mr. Francis Ptak, the Cadets have won their first divisional title since the inclusion of baseball as a school activity twenty years ago.

Denis Murphy Stars

Without detracting from the fine team effort, if an individual star were to be selected, pitcher Denis Murphy would hold that title. This ace left-hander dazzled the opposition of the nine league wins that gave the Blue and White their well deserved divisional title.

Denis was far from alone. The fine defensive infield, composed of Karl Behnken, Richard Prigge, Norman Remmen and Gordon Harvey, also accounted for a great deal of the team's offensive strength. All were long ball hitters with very respectable batting averages.

Outfield Very Strong

The outfield was composed of Nick Mitsos, Don Durbin and Ray Ranta. Nick was the veteran member of the outfield, while Ray and Don were newcomers to the lineup. All three were invaluable members of the team.

Frank DeLuca, a three year veteran, had some bad luck during the season, but managed to pick up one big win for the Blue and White. Behind the plate was Jim Columbo. Jim combined

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Bill Huntington Wins Chess Prize

Bill Huntington, 4B4, a member of the Chess Team, was awarded a prize for his outstanding performance in the Interscholastic Chess Tournament. Other thinkers who did well were Co-Captains Bill Butos, 4B6, and Martin Harswick, 2B10, and Joel Meyers, 4B2.

Martin Harswick was unanimously elected captain for 1961-1962.

Mr. Arnold Krinsky, faculty adviser, said, "Fort Hamilton has made great strides toward recognition of its fine Chess Team by awarding letters to the members. We are now seeking several additional good players for next year."

Mr. Krinsky, a director of the High School Chess League, was elected chairman of the League for 1961-1962.

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History Classes Write To Enliven Summer

By Sylvia Sorensen

Recently seniors in Miss Duhig's history classes (3A4, 3B6, 3C7) received an unusual homework assignment. They were asked to write to government officials in order to express their opinions on a topic of their own choosing.

Said Miss Duhig, "We instituted this project in an attempt to make our students more vocal and to teach them that they have the precious right of freedom of criticism in this country. The topics ranged from raising the age required for driver's licenses to our missile program."

Abolish Regents?

Senior Barbara Gallo wrote to Dr. John J. Theobald, Superintendent of Schools, concerning the possibility of abolishing Regents in New York City. This was the answer she received.

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In short, the Regents examinations are here to stay.

Athletes Receive Letter Awards

Members of Fort Hamilton's varsity athletic teams received their major and minor letters at the awards assembly May 31.

These athletes qualified for their letters by representing the school in competition against other high schools. Players who participated in a majority of the games received major letters; those who took part in a minority of the contests received minor letters.

Two special awards from the Health Education Teachers Association were awarded to Herbert Baumeister and Nicholas Sideratis. These awards represent a contribution to the Health Education Department by a student acting as a secretary or manager.

Also receiving major and minor letters were 21 members of the Boosters and Cheerleaders Squads.

Each captain distributed the letters to the members of his particular team.

After the assembly a party was held in the school cafeteria for recipients of awards.

Minutemen Take Annual Bus Trip

On its annual spring bus trip last month the Minutemen, social studies club, visited West Point, Hyde Park, and Bear Mountain.

The club was accompanied by Miss Frances Hennessy, chairman of the Social Studies Department; Miss Margaret Kelly, club adviser; and Miss Janice Alberti, grade adviser of the junior class.

The members contributed an azalea to be planted at the late President Franklin Delano Roosevelt's grave in Hyde Park. The guard permitted the officers of the club to enter the enclosure and place the azalea at the foot of the grave.

The trip was described by Joan Ramsay, treasurer, as "a day that will be long remembered by the students and teachers."

The club members meet Mondays in 227 at 3:00. The officers are: Dennis Briody, president; Seth Charney, vice-president; Joan Ramsay, treasurer; and Michael Brackfield, secretary.

Last year the Minutemen went to Valley Forge and Philadelphia; the year before, to Mystic, Connecticut. The club also held a theatre party last fall and saw *The Best Man*.

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NDEA Fund Aids Language Dep't

Money obtained by the Foreign Language Department through the National Defense Education Act is being used to buy materials useful in foreign language instruction.

The department now has in its possession film strips, slide projectors, new readers, a four-speed phonograph, records, a movie projector, and a tape recorder.

"These items," said Mr. Max Zeldner, chairman, "supplement the usual course of study and are beneficial in the teaching and learning of foreign languages." He added, "They are helpful as audio-visual aids and serve to motivate students to achieve a higher degree of proficiency in the foreign languages."

The school library has an increased number of foreign books on its shelves, and students are utilizing them in greater numbers and with greater frequency.

Graduation

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The Boys and Girls Health Education Departments, respectively—in charge of senior rehearsals, seating arrangements, and the recessional; Miss Duhig and Mrs. Catania—in charge of stage seating; Miss Duhig—gowns; Miss Anna C. Dick, chairman of the Art Department—flowers.

Mr. Francis Ptak, adviser of the Service Corps, and his staff will aid in numerous ways before, during, and after the exercises.

The present junior class is somewhat impatient for graduation day to come around: the boys and girls want to move in as seniors.

Junior Gets Early College Admission

Donald Pfister, 3A9, has been accepted at Ohio Wesleyan University under the early admission plan. Instead of completing his senior year at Fort Hamilton, Don will become a college freshman next September.

Don, a *Pilot* reporter, is thinking seriously of majoring in philosophy. "I'm looking forward to the hard work and the fun of college life, and I'm sure that Ohio Wesleyan will prepare me for any field I choose to enter," he said.

To Study French On College Level

Susan Dunn, 3A15, has been accepted at the Colby College Summer School of Languages, Waterville, Maine, to study French.

Susan will study the language on a college level in a program which will include extensive reading of French literary masterpieces for three hours daily.

"I am sure my summer at Colby will be the most enjoyable and rewarding one I have ever had," was Susan's enthusiastic reaction.

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Many Free Activities Enliven Summer

By Vicki Halper

Something for nothing? You bet!

Someone with a small bank account may not be as badly off as he may think. To one with a 15¢ token and a large imagination, hundreds of free activities are available in New York City.

Besides the usual picnics, walks, and ferry rides, there are theaters, concerts, movies, and lectures open to the public at little or no cost. The list below tries to record some of the less usual areas of free entertainment.

Although being "broke" may not be the happiest state, culturally one may be exposed to things he would never think of experiencing if the money for a movie were around.

Theaters

Many of these theaters ask for contributions. It is wise to call before performances to check time and arrange for reservations.

Actors' Lab—110 E. 59 St.—Wed., Fri. nights.

Actors Repertory Theater Workshop—498 3 Ave. (33-34 Sts.)—Friday and Saturday nights.

Colin's Dramatic Workshop—1639 B'way, Sat. night (works discussed following performances).

Shakespeare in the park—Central Park 81 St., except Mon. nights. July and August.

Tickets are also available for all TV shows.

Music Outdoors

Central Park Mall—72 St.—Sun., Mon., Wed., Fri. nights.

Prospect Park—Thurs, Sat nights. Lewisohn Stadium City College (50¢)—5 nights a week.

Music Indoors

Brooklyn Museum—Sunday 2:00 — all year round.

Many churches offer especially good

performances of sacred music. Consult Sat. World-Telegram and Sun or any Sunday paper.

Popular Dancing

Central Park — 59 St.—Thursday nights. Call Dept. of Park—Re 4-1000. Visitors Bureau—MU 7-1300.

Lectures

Met. Museum of Art, weekdays 2:30, Sun. 2:00.

Brooklyn Museum, Sunday 3:45.

Sometimes being without money can be exciting. People who do not believe in quality without money are certainly wrong.

Remember that the list above is not complete. Any good guidebook can supply you with many other free and interesting activities.

4 Pilot Seniors Get Service Pins

Four seniors on the *Pilot* staff were awarded pins for outstanding service to the school newspaper.

They are Sheila Donofrio, 4B2; Thecla Psaltes, 4A7; William Butos, 4B6; and Janet Salthammer, 4B6.

Seniors who have already received pins are Seth Charney, 4B6; Robert Gillespie, 4B14; Sarah Jordan 4B2; Stephen Kaufman, 4B10; Richard Meltzer, 4A1; Sylvia Sorensen, 4B10; Edith Tadross, 4A1; Marilyn Ryan, 4A9; and Glenn Collins, 4A1.

The pins are blue and gold and shaped like a ship's helm.

Baseball

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his clutch hitting with aggressive catching ability to win the respect of his coach, teammates and opponents.

No-Hitter Against Utrecht

Captain Denis Murphy, aroused much attention by including in his seven victories two one-hitters and a no-hitter against New Utrecht.

Unfortunately the *Pilot* had to go to press before the results of the games for the borough and city titles were known.

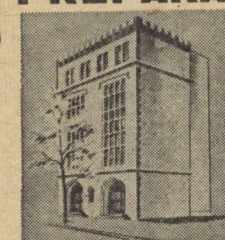
"Boys Bring Honor"

Commented Coach Ptak: "Whether or not we win the city championship, (and I definitely feel that we have a good chance of winning), I think the boys have brought a great deal of honor to their school and to themselves."

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Heroism

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price. Not so in reality.

When the mists of self-delusion are burned away, it becomes clear that real heroism is not the shining figure of our dreams. More often than not, it goes about in disguise, as in the recent newspaper story of a mother in a rural section of North Carolina. Summoned unexpectedly to a hospital to take home her young son who was being discharged, she had no means of transportation into town. So she walked—thirty miles.

"Nothing Else to Do"

"There was nothing else to do," she said later in explanation. Her little boy might have cried all night if she had not come for him when she was expected.

If we look for symbols of such heroism as that mother's, we will find only simple, unpretentious things: blistered feet, broken shoes, a reassuring smile for a frightened child. Love, simplicity, self-forgetfulness.

Is real heroism compounded of anything more? Or anything less?